

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 826  
By Matheny

A RESOLUTION to commend Glynn Blanton for his dedication to underground utility safety and the promotion of the Dig Safely program.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is honored to recognize those individuals whose dedication to public safety has raised public awareness about natural gas pipeline safety; and

WHEREAS, Glynn Blanton is one such individual who serves as Chief of the Gas Pipeline Safety Division of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) and is responsible for TRA's natural gas pipeline safety program; he has served faithfully in this capacity since June, 1988; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Blanton has devoted extensive time and effort to numerous professional associations and committees, including the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives, the National Conference of Regulatory Utility Commission Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Damage Prevention Quality Action Team, the National Association of Corrosion Engineers, the Gas Piping Technology Committee, the American Gas Association, the Common Ground Alliance, the Tennessee Gas Association, and the Tennessee One Call System; and

WHEREAS, Glynn Blanton exhibited outstanding dedication during the inception and development of the national campaign to promote public awareness of preventing damage to underground utilities, a program called Dig Safely; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blanton has worked tirelessly to enhance and promote awareness of Tennessee's Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act, attempting to educate the public and the law enforcement community about the actions that can be taken when the Act is violated; and

WHEREAS, evidencing a diligence surpassed by none, Glynn Blanton has spread the messages of underground utility safety and the role of underground utilities in the community and the environment by presenting the Dig Safely message to many groups, including codes and law enforcement agencies, utility companies, contractors, first responders, emergency personnel, and the general public; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend Glynn Blanton for his dedication to underground utility safety and the promotion of the Dig Safely program, and offer our heartfelt thanks for his role in protecting the citizenry of this fine State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.